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Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I inquire whether Government or the Director of Industries did not consult the local bodies concerned as to the scope of these schools?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I do not think so, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Is not the hon. Minister aware that there is a great demand for a mechanical engineering course being introduced in the school?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I do not remember Sir."

## Excise

*Recruitment of ex-service men as Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.*

*55 *Q.*—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are ex-service men already in service in the Waltair Circle who have been in the Excise Sub-Inspector's list for the last two years and are also educationally qualified;

(*b*) whether new persons have been recruited to the cadre of Sub-Inspectors to the detriment of these ex-service men who are already in the department;

(*c*) the number and names of such persons; and

(*d*) whether a new Agency Circle is going to be formed, and if so, from what date?

*A.*—(*a*) to (*c*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Waltair division. The Government have not the information but have called for it.

(*d*) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

*Collection of arrears of tree-tax from the ryots.*

*56 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is true that, if a tenant who leases a coconut or palmyra tree for tapping is unable to pay the dues to Government, the ryot himself is being compelled to pay such dues; and

(*b*) if so, on what authority such collection is made?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes; in the South Kanara district.

(*b*) Under section 19 of the Madras Abkari Act and by virtue of a notification issued by the Government under that section.

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I know whether the landlord after payment of the arrears to Government has any remedies open to him to collect the amount from the tenant?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"Under the law of the land just as any other money due to him, he can recover it."